

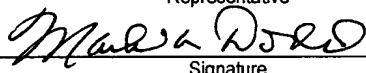


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/586,641
Applicant(s): Hirokatsu SHIMADA
For: PRINTER CONTROL DEVICE AND METHOD TO CONTROL
PRINTERS IN NETWORK TO WHICH MULTIPLE PRINTERS
ARE CONNECTED, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT
TO PERFORM SAID CONTROL
Confirmation No.: 7764
Customer No.: 24367
Docket No.: 15162/02070
Filed: June 5, 2000
Group Art Unit: 2624
Examiner: Thierry L. Pham

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2006, which provides for a response period ending April 13, 2006 (because May 13th falls on a Saturday, this Amendment is being filed on Monday, May 15, 2006).

A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action, for one additional month to May 13, 2006, is being filed concurrently.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.